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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: Facilitating Necessary Access to NATO Classified Information

Operation ENDURING FREEDOM has created a particular need to ensure timely access by involved operational commands and other activities to NATO classified information. These needs are addressed by the emergency provisions of NATO document C-M(55)15(Final), "Security within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization." Accordingly, for the duration of ENDURING FREEDOM, DoD military, civilian, and contractor personnel with established need-to-know, who have been issued an interim security clearance for access to U.S. classified information, are eligible for access to NATO information of an equivalent level of classification. (However, access to ATOMAL information may not be granted based on an interim security clearance.)

Access to NATO classified information based on an interim security clearance shall be subject to the following conditions:

- approval by the authority who is granting access to U.S. classified information based on the interim security clearance;
- written authorization, maintained as a record;
- interim clearance held is at the Secret or Top Secret level;
- process for a final security clearance has been initiated; and
- individual has received and acknowledged a briefing on NATO security requirements.

A comprehensive text for the NATO security briefing can be found on the website of the Central U.S. Registry (CUSR): <http://www.cusr.army.mil>.

